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SUBJ: SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND
PROTECTION OF MINORITIES (S-C) - AUGUST 18 -- AGENDA ITEM 5:
ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. RESPONDING TO COMMENTS MADE DURING DEBATE OF SUBJECT
ITEM KHALIFA, DURING A.M. MEETING, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
THAT MOST S-C MEMBERS AGREED A CORRELATION EXISTED BETWEEN
THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO REGIMES IN SA AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA.
CORRELATION IS SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PHENOMENON THAT
DID NOT LEND ITSELF TO QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT, THEREFORE,
LOGIC AND REASON HAS TO BE USED TO REACH A CONVICTION.
REVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ABOUT PRINTING AND
DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL DOCUMENT, KHALIFA SUGGESTED THAT A
DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE HRC COULD BE BASED ON THE CON-
CLUSIONS IN HIS STUDY. HE REJECTED SMIRNOV'S PROPOSAL
THAT A SEPARATE CHAPTER ON POLITICAL ASSISTANCE WITH
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A LIST OF MEMBER STATE EMBASSIES IN SA BE ADDED TO DOCUMENT.
SMIRNOV CONCURRED THAT A SEPARATE CHAPTER WAS UNNECESSARY
IF THE LIST WAS INCLUDED ELSEWHERE.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF DEBATE ON ITEM MME QUESTRAUX (FRANCE)
TOOK ISSUE WITH KHALIFA'S STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT'S SUPPLYING MILITARY MATERIALS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

SHE QUOTED GISTARD AS SAYING IN JUNE 1977 THAT FRANCE REJECTED THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND THAT NO MORE CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY MATERIALS WERE TO BE ALLOWED. KHALIFA APOLOGIZED THAT HE HAD MISINTERPRETED A CABLE HE RECEIVED IN JUNE STATING THAT THE POSITION OF THE GOF WAS WELL KNOWN FROM STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 31ST GA AND THE GOF HAS NOTHING TO ADD TO THESE STATEMENTS. HIS CONFUSION WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE'S STATEMENT DURING 31ST GA WHO SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN SPECIAL RAPORTEURS BECAUSE THEIR JUDGEMENT WAS NOT QUITE FREE OF POLITICS.

3. DEBATE CONCLUDED WITH KHALIFA GRANTING REQUESTS FOR CORRECTIONS IN REPORTS BY DANISH AND GREEK OBSERVERS. THE FORMER NOTED THAT DENMARK OPPOSED ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND FAVORED A MANDATORY EMBARGO AGAINST SUCH ASSISTANCE. THE GREEK OBSERVER REQUESTED THAT AN ANNEX BE PUBLISHED EXPLAINING THE GOG'S POSITION ON GREEK MIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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